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Dorm crowding problem improves

Doug Cole

Staff Writer

As the end of fall semester draws to a close, the overcrowding situation at Wartburg may be easing.

"The housing situation for the winter semester looks to be very workable," said Pete Armstrong, director of residential life. "We like what we see."

There are currently 12 double rooms with three people in each, while three lounges in Grossman Hall continue to house 11 first-year students. Armstrong said he is aware of approximately 25 students who will not be returning after the fall semester.

"The majority of those 25 are transferring to another school, while there are some students who have just decided that college is not right for them," Armstrong said.

Many of the students living in overcrowded double rooms say they are anxious for the new semester to bring more living space.

"It is pretty tight with three people in one of these two-person rooms. Everything will be a lot more comfortable once we get things situated," said Andy Koester, a first-year student living in Hebron Hall.

"I have had many students come to me asking if and when they will get moved out of their (three-person) rooms," said Dana Barnard, Complex residence hall director. "Hopefully at the end of the semester we will know more details and be able to get the students in a more comfortable situation."

"Right now we really don't know for sure how many people are leaving and how many new people are coming to Wartburg," said Armstrong. "There are usually some students who will just not return next semester without notifying

us until the first day of classes. Also, we are expecting about 10 new international students to come to Wartburg, and about 10 other new students as well," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said he does not want anyone to worry about housing for the winter term.

"If we have to keep some people in the situation they are in right now, then that is what we have to do," Armstrong said. "However, we do not see that happening, and we plan to do whatever we can to make everyone as comfortable as possible."

Res Life holiday housing notes

- Before leaving for break, turn off lights, close windows and blinds, unplug electrical appliances, remove Christmas decorations and lock doors.
- Christmas Break begins at 5:35 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Residence halls, except for Knights Village and Grossmann, close at noon on Friday, Dec. 15. Halls re-open at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2.
- If students wish to change their room or residence hall, contact your RHD before Monday, Dec. 11. Approved changes must be completed before leaving for break.
- Students are only allowed to stay on campus if they live more than 500 miles from campus, are required to stay on campus for academic or campus activity reasons or must work on campus. Students staying on campus must obtain a break housing request from the Student Life Office and turn in by Dec. 11. Students are responsible for keeping doors locked and for any damage to college property over break.



Sarah Seboldt/TRUMPET

POOR FROSTY—A snowman built by Wartburg students suffers in the December sun. Temperatures made for sticky snow conditions, meaning Frosty was easy to put together but melted quickly.



Adam Roberts/TRUMPET

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED—Construction on the new track and stadium continues on campus. The old grandstand has now been removed. The new stadium will be moved 35 feet west of the old stadium, according to John Wuertz, plant superintendent. Electrical, gas, and telephone lines have been rerouted and relocated. "We are waiting for plans for the bleachers from the contractor. Things are looking pretty good at this point," said Wuertz.

Security becomes issue over break

Katelyn Gibbons

Staff Writer

Empty dorm rooms over Christmas break mean that students should take precautions to secure their room during break.

"I am a little nervous leaving my stuff in the room over break, especially because I live on the ground floor," said a Clinton student. "But I guess all a person can do is double check the windows and locks and make sure the blinds are closed so items in the room aren't being advertised."

The worst break-in case at Wartburg was during the 1999 spring vacation when seven rooms were robbed. Four rooms, three on ground and one on first were broken into in Clinton. The other three were on the ground floor of Hebron. The most common items stolen were stereos, TVs, VCRs, and smaller items such as CDs, videos, cologne, phones, shoes and money.

"After the 1999 spring break-ins, we reassessed our policies on vacation security," said John Myers, director of campus security. "Now the residential life staff is more proactive about checking doors and windows. Security also goes through

twice, once at the beginning of break and again at the end of break, and checks all the doors."

Resident assistants play a vital role in securing the residence halls.

"It is important for all RAs, especially those on ground and first floors, to take this part of their job serious," said Ashley Hopkins, a Clinton RA. "Students have things in their rooms that are not only expensive but are also important to them. RAs have a responsibility to make sure their student's belongings are safe."

Another policy change was only leaving one or two residence halls open during breaks. The plan is for Grossman and Knights Village to stay open. Previously, security had no way of knowing who and how many were staying in each residence hall over break. Now, students staying on campus must notify security if they are staying on campus over any part of break and where they will be making arrangements to stay.

"Students just need to use common sense when they leave. Maybe even take important items home with you," Myers said.

Old, new mix for season

Rachel Martell

My mother was insistent about it. The day after we had spent turkey day giving thanks for Pepto Bismol and a working dishwasher, everyone in the house was required to haul the boxes of Christmas decorations to the living room to spend a blissful "family" afternoon transforming our ordinary house into a red and green shrine. We reluctantly complied, each taking our assigned task. I had the all-important job of sorting out the "acceptable" ornaments and balancing the aesthetically-pleasing beauties with the Sunday-school creations.

After the democratic choices were made and the ornaments were painstakingly placed a still would fall over the household in expectation of the event that would inevitably occur.

Dad would creep up to the tree, silently remove the tattered old angel from its box, and quickly aloft it to the highest point on the evergreen, stealing away like a submarine under radio silence.

Not long after Mom would walk by, glance upwards, wrinkle her nose in disgust, and promptly whisk the angel away, hiding it under the mounds of fake snow and tangled Christmas lights.

Perhaps I should interrupt with a description of the object in question. It's magenta and turquoise lights lining the skirt had long been burnt out; its blond curls suffered from a serious case of bed-head; its innocent features were faded from years of use. The angel was not quite worn out but definitely no newcomer to our family.



Thus the battle ensued, my mother insisting upon its dismissal and my father vying for just "one more year." The struggle was friendly, usually ending in a compromise no less complex than the Treaty of Versailles with the angel remaining.

This juxtaposition between the old and the new embodies the essence of the holiday season, at least in my English major metaphoric mind. Drinking the same suspicious lumpy egg nog, taking part in family traditions (peculiar as they might be), hanging up the same stale strands of popcorn year after year—these are all like our old angel. They might be oldies, but they're still goodies. They're the things we look forward to without really knowing why—the things we'll pass on without a forethought. Our angel was a link—an object my family remembered as an essential part of Christmases past. I can't remember a single gift I received past last year, but the memory of the angel will remain forever imprinted on my mind...cheesy as that sounds.

And Christmas is also a time of new beginnings. We travel home with new friends, haircuts, and personalities. We can't wait to share all of the exciting things we've experienced since we left. We look forward to the future and what it will bring into our lives and into Christmases of tomorrow. We leave behind our bitterness and anger and instead strive for the quintessential ideals of love, peace, and goodwill. Everything gets a fresh start.

I bought my parents a new angel a few years back, a gift I was leery about giving to my conflict-ridden family. The beautifully-crafted figure did replace the old one, taking over the job of watching over our family celebration. And the "retired" angel is now carefully packed away in the Christmas decorations, patiently waiting to take its rightful spot on my first Christmas tree. I can't wait.



Season's Greetings from the Trumpet Staff!
Our next issue will be Jan. 15.

Dear Editor,

To all the persons who tore down Christmas decorations in the complex and who used the fire extinguisher on Vollmer 3:

It isn't funny anymore. It never was funny. No matter how drunk you may have been, how funny you or your friends thought it was, it's not funny to show disrespect to people, their property, and their living spaces. The women of Centennial 2 are angry that their decorations have been ripped from the walls.

People all over the complex have complained of marker boards being torn down or stolen. Ask the women of Vollmer 3 how

funny the fire extinguisher prank was. Most will tell you that they were afraid it was a fire, that they couldn't see, that their throats and eyes hurt from the chemicals they breathed in while getting out of the building into the cold night.

Acts of disrespect often have far-reaching consequences and are not funny pranks. People catch cold standing outside in pajamas in the middle of the night because someone pulled a fire alarm or set off an extinguisher. A woman starts to fear for her safety when a man starts yelling

obscenities or innuendos at her just because she didn't turn around and acknowledge his existence.

It is people who have no respect that I fear the most. They don't know and they don't care what kind of harm their actions bring to other people. Disrespect leads to hatred, fear and mistrust. Disrespect makes a person get behind a steering wheel when they've had too much to drink. A person with no respect for property will set a pile of rubbish on fire, not thinking that a change in the wind could cause a house fire or an apartment

fire. A person with no respect for others will destroy other people's work to get to the top of their own little world. A person with no respect will push his date over the limit, and shred what innocence she had. A person with no respect will beat someone because he or she is black, white, too fat, too thin, blond, brunette, homosexual, or heterosexual. People with no respect hurt, maim and destroy people's bodies, their property, and worst of all, their souls.

Come on. Grow up. Have a little respect for others. And for yourself.

A concerned student

Letter to the Editor

ABOUT FACE

Are you a planner or procrastinator?

Steph Eliason, junior

I plan stuff so I can procrastinate to the last minute so I know what I'm doing when I go to do it.



Lindsay Oelkers, junior

I think I'm both. I plan it out, but then I end up procrastinating.

Roger Kobliska, junior

I'm a planner because that way I can get my stuff done on time.



See Santa, play in snow

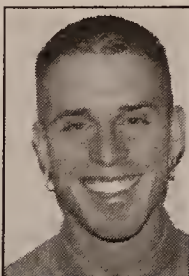
Aaron Buzza

So I turned 22 last Thursday. Now, that isn't the major point of this column. I'm not looking for belated birthday wishes or anything like that. Just keep that fact in mind for a sec. As I was considering that and this week's column space, I thought about writing my yearly letter to Santa. However, I thought people might find it a bit weird that a 22-year-old college student is still in the Christmas spirit that much and writing a letter that is addressed:

"Santa Claus
North Pole"

Now that didn't scare me off, but instead it made me feel bad. It made me think that maybe we are way too serious and maturing beyond our years too quickly. I think of many of society's problems today—from mail carriers going "postal," to early heart attacks, to increased stress—that are all in part due to this extreme level of seriousness.

Young people (like my cousins) are expected to play and seriously compete in sports. Will they make the traveling team, will they be the ace of the pitching staff, will they get out of the slump they



are in? Adults are expected to pour themselves into their jobs. Over Thanksgiving, I overheard someone telling his family he'd put in 400-plus hours last month at work. That's nuts!

I think maybe as we approach the year 2001, we should all consider the following as a possible New Year's Resolution: Don't be so serious, and act less than your age sometimes. Don't work so much. Take time away from the everyday grind and do something fun and cool. Do something immature.

As we approach the stress of finals week and the Christmas season, there are some easy things we can do to stay sane, healthy, young, and happy. Need some ideas, here?

Go see Santa Claus. There is nothing wrong with grown adults sitting on the guy's lap telling him what you want him to bring you. Believe the story even if you have been told not to believe. Eat the candy cane. Both you and Santa will get a kick out of it, and who knows...maybe you will get what you ask for!

Play in the snow. Granted, we need some more before we can get into some activities out there, but when it comes, get out and throw snow balls, make a snowman or snow fort. Play for an hour and be a kid again. Heck, grab a caf tray and go sledding. My parents did that and they tell me all the time how much

fun they had. By the way, if you are reading this Don Juhl, the Trumpet doesn't endorse this activity...I do.

Go to Chuck E. Cheese. You get a good meal at a reasonable price, plus you can run around, play video games, win tickets at skee-ball, and get really crappy prizes. They have got those cool stage shows, too. Bring a camera and jump on stage!

Find a swimming pool. Then go swimming. Run, jump in, splash around. Do a cannonball and splash the old, serious, "mature" people around you. Play Marco Polo.

OK, these ideas may be a bit juvenile or weird. However, if more people tried these and took the time to play, we'd be much happier and healthier. I know a man who "played" with his electric train set in his basement for years and years. He'd put on his engineer's cap, fire it up and play. His kids even helped out and bought him train toys for his birthdays and Christmases. That man just turned 92, and if he still could have his train in his new, smaller apartment, I guarantee it'd be there.

So what that people think you're childish—you'll feel better wearing slippers to work, playing mini-golf in your office or dorm room, or winning a well-earned Chinese Finger Trap from your tickets at Chuck E. Cheese. Try it. I dare you.

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Holidays more than just break

Elaina Meier



and soul for a while, and then decide what to think.

It is not often that I share bits and pieces of my personal faith, much less use this column to do so. I am not one to preach about my moving faith journey or to give soul-stirring orations about my summer work at a camp.

I think we are all aware that the holidays are upon us. With the holidays come so many things: finals, break, holiday shopping, seasonal jobs, time with family and friends and more.

This time is about more than just hitting the slopes or eating real food. Yup, you guessed...the reason for the season. For those of us who have chosen to walk in the

footsteps of Christ, this time should be about more than presents under the tree.

I recognize that everyone has the right to their own personal beliefs and I respect that.

For those who profess the Christian faith, the choice to do things differently during the holidays is critical. "The Christmas and Easter Only" crowds enter the churches with eyes fully attuned to the words and actions of those whom they see walk in and out of the church every week.

The world is watching. Do you continue to argue with your parents in the parking lot while walking into the sanctuary? Or do you step back and remember what really matters?

Snap at your little brother or decided to shake your head and chuckle instead?

And about those gifts, is it better to give or receive? And how do you live that belief?

Ok, enough of my soap box. Regardless of creed, I hope that as most of us depart from campus for the break that we might remember what is truly valuable and what we can do without.

You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake.

Quote
of the
Week

—Jeannette Rankin



Fiscal vigilance key

College is no doubt an adventure. Students are handed a profound degree of personal freedom. Along with said freedom comes a great deal of responsibility.

Student responsibilities are a reflection on the road that leads to life as an independent adult. Somewhere in between mom doing the laundry and owning a home, mini-van, a dog and being married with two and a half children is the college experience.

One must learn to wash the laundry without turning those tighty whities pink, eat something somehow resembling a well balanced diet (but without the veggies, of course) and how to manage finances.

College finances could arguably be considered somewhat overwhelming, but not really.

Ok, so it is like a blazing inferno to baptize one by fire.

Financial aid is definitely helpful and the controller's office is more than willing to work with students to set up payment plans.

Unless the student has mom, dad or grandparents to cut a check for \$20,000 every year, the student must enter a maze of loans, jobs, credit cards and other hazards inherent to balancing a college checkbook.

The double-cheeseburger that was once part of a supersized meal is now just a dream that promotes drooling.

Students need to educate themselves about the ins and outs of paying for school and remaining financially afloat while in school.

Personal accountability in regards to the meager yet critical checkbook will go a long way to minimize financial stress after college.

Besides, loan debt will take care of that minimum stress requirement.

Chris Thomas' auto anti-theft guide

Editor's note: Chris Thomas normally appears on the Opinions page. This week's column, however, reflects the unanimous view of the Trumpet Editorial Staff. As such, he has migrated to the Editorial page for this issue.

File this week's column under "Things everyone should know, but no one seems to." I can't believe I am actually writing a column about this topic, but if this is what the people need, then this is what the people shall receive.

Last Tuesday, a car was stolen in Waverly (yes, you read right, Waverly, Iowa). Everyone is talking about it. No one can believe it happened, especially in Waverly, but it did and now I feel I need to provide you, my readers, with some helpful tips on how to keep your vehicle safe.

To properly write this column, I actually did a little investigation (with the help of Elaina Meier) to see how many people on campus are not thinking straight. We surveyed 128 cars from every student parking lot on campus looking for the following things: 1) Whether or not the car/truck was locked, 2) If it had a detachable faceplate stereo (and whether or not it was indeed detached) and 3) If any valuables (i.e. CDs, CD players, cellular phones, etc.) were left in sight. Here is what we found:

An amazing 34.37 percent of you are not using any common sense whatsoever when it comes to car safety. Does that number seem high to you? Me too, but that is what the survey said. Only nine out of 128 cars were left unlocked (7 percent). There were 31 cars with detachable faceplate stereos and 22 of those

had their faceplates on (70 percent). And 42 cars left valuables in clear sight of the windows (32.8 percent).

The numbers don't lie, people. A little over 34 percent of people who have cars on campus are not thinking. Frankly, this is scary. We are at an institute of higher education and 34 percent of registered campus drivers lack common sense. And the numbers are only the averages. Let me share with you our best find of the day.

In one lot (and I won't tell which lots, so the owners of the cars don't get their stuff stolen, even if they are asking for it), we found an older pick-up truck. Driving by I saw a pair of Oakley sunglasses on the dashboard. So we stopped to see if we could get in the truck. Sure enough, the driver's side door was unlocked. So we opened it and not only saw the sunglasses, but a detachable faceplate CD

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player (faceplate still on of course), a case of at least 30 CDs and a digital cellular phone. In less than two minutes, we could have been out of there with all of that stuff.

And people act surprised when things are taken or their cars get stolen. If this is the way we are acting, WE SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED.

So let me now offer some helpful tips to remedy the problem at hand. LOCK YOUR DOORS! That is the first step. Easy enough, right? Good, let's move on. TAKE THE KEYS WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE THE CAR! If you leave the keys in the car when you are not in the car, you might as well post a sign in the window that reads, "Free Car."

Also, if you get your car stolen when you leave the keys in it, it wasn't stolen, it was borrowed without permission.

If you don't see my point, try and imagine explaining to your insurance representative that your car was taken with the keys in it. Good luck getting your money on that one. Finally folks, YOU HAVE A TRUNK, USE IT! If all of the valuables we saw were in the trunks of the car, we wouldn't have seen them. The trunk is the safest place to put your valuables if you aren't going to take them with you, so please, especially after Christmas shopping, use the trunk.

And since this is the Christmas season, there are only two things I want this year. First, I want the people of Wartburg to start using their common sense so this can be a safer place and second, I want the Fat-Free Thousand Island replaced in the cafeteria with the real stuff. Please?



Janna Swedin/TRUMPET

A MUSICAL GIFT—Performers Matt Reuer, Drew Baker, Kris Yeager, Joni Burrier, Katie Wilharm, Zach Armstrong, Matt Bates and Brad Hofer rehearsed Wednesday for the Advent celebration of Christmas with Wartburg. The Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers, Ritterchor and Wind Ensemble presented "O Come, O Come, Immanuel."

Christmas with Wartburg

The Des Moines performance will be broadcast on the following stations. This was made possible through a gift from Mike and Margy McCoy of Austin, Minn., and a matching gift from Hormel Foods Corporation.

WHO: Dec. 25, 6 a.m.

KWQC: Dec. 9, 9 p.m.

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Dec. 24, 10:30 p.m.

Dec. 25, 12 p.m.

IPTV, statewide

Dec. 20, 9 p.m.

Dec. 22, 5 a.m.

Dec. 24, 4 p.m.

Students feel stress of finals

Kacy Burg

Staff Writer

As Fall Term ends, many Wartburg students may be feeling stress and anxiety about the approaching week of final exams.

Students prepare for these exams in many different ways. Some said that they have already begun preparing for some of their larger tests, while others said that they will probably wait until the last minute.

Junior Katie McCrindle said she started studying for final exams by making note cards and looking over the chapters for her international relations final.

Junior Rachael Mueller, on the other hand, said that she has been thinking about the three final exams she will have but hasn't had time to start planning ahead.

"I haven't really prepared at all yet," she said. "It's just that there's so much to do this week first. I know what I should be doing to prepare, but I just haven't had time to start."

Mueller said that she plans to study with a group for her music theory final exam because it will require listening to music. However, she said that she will need to study on her own for some of her other tests.

"It'll just be me drilling it into my head for the other tests," she said.

McCrindle said that she will work out to help relieve some of the stress of final exams, while Mueller said that she and her suitemates will support each other through these stressful times.

"I live in a suite," Mueller explained, "and all of us will help relieve each other's stress. We'll watch movies and play games to help ease the tension. Last night we played Jenga. Next week we're also planning on having a little Christmas party together, which will give all of us a stress-free hour or so."

Both Mueller and McCrindle said that they encourage other students to just relax and not to get too worked up about final exams.

"[Final exams] will be over soon," Mueller said. "It's not the end of the world."

McCrindle said that she hopes students will try not to put so much pressure on themselves.

"I would say that the most important thing is to understand that this isn't the end of the world," McCrindle said, echoing Mueller.

"We put so much stress on finals that we forget that we've had a whole semester of preparation. Final exams are never a reflection of you as a person. They only test your knowledge of course material," McCrindle said.

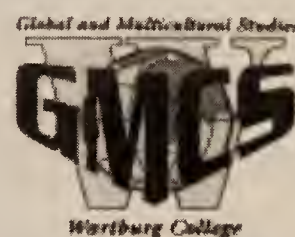
The Student Health and Wellness Center will be holding a flu vaccine clinic on Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m. in Buhr Lounge. Flu vaccines have been ordered for the first 50 students who show up. The cost per vaccination is \$12. Adequate supplies should be available for students who wish to obtain the vaccine. However vaccines will still be effective even if they aren't received until January, as the flu season runs

Flu Vaccines Arrive

through April. The center also recommends that students check with their hometown doctor or county health department concerning the vaccine. The center suggested that in order to avoid getting the flu students should make sure to wash their hands, dispose of Kleenex properly, avoid contact with ill individuals and be sure to eat right, exercise and get adequate sleep.

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Credit solicitation affects students

Sarah Braun and Melissa Guthrie

News Editors

Today is often referred to as the "Credit Age," meaning that more and more people rely on "plastic," or credit cards, to pay for things.

"The world is moving to a more plastic economy," said Lex Smith, vice president of student life and dean of students.

This may be true, but how exactly does this affect Wartburg students?

Wartburg students are given opportunities on a regular basis to apply for credit cards, whether through mail or phone calls. This solicitation, as of yet, is not regulated.

"The information in our directory is public information and anyone can come into the bookstore and buy it. Some may also get information online from our website. Students are subject to the same telemarketing that parents get at home," said Smith.

Karen Funk, student union secretary, agreed that students do get a lot of junk mail.

"How students get on the list is beyond me. Once a company does get the names, then the list is sold to other companies and so on," said Funk.

Students are also solicited via advertising on bulletin boards.

"We're trying to police our bulletin boards better. Outside commercial people don't get stamped by our office, but some magazine and credit card companies hang their stuff anyway," said Smith.

As for whether Wartburg regulates the mail and phone solicitation, the answer is no.

"We tend to stay out of that business, as it would affect freedom of expression," said Smith.

Besides telemarketing and mail, students who choose to do so may also apply for credit cards online. The four major credit card companies - Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express - all have special student sites for applying for credit cards. The sites all have incentives for applying for a card with them, such as free t-shirts, no annual fee, low APR for the first few months, rebates on

purchases and gas, and even cool designs for the cards.

"I'm not promoting credit card use, but there are two good reasons to have them - emergencies and establishing good credit," said Smith. "It's a personal decision. Some people do not like to carry cash, and that's not necessarily the college student's style."

Since obtaining credit cards is quite simple around campus, one would wonder if debt is a huge issue as well.

"The issue of credit card debt is not out of control," said Smith. "However, I'd certainly be supportive of an educational program if there is a problem."

Wartburg currently does not offer credit counseling, but Smith said they could help a student as far as financial counseling is concerned. Freshman orientation provides first-year students with financial counseling and planning. Senior Year Experience offers a financial planning session as well. Smith added that these are both optional so it is hard to cover all the students.

According to some students, credit card debt can be or is a problem. Junior Ashley Hopkins said she knows what a problem credit card debt can be.

"All my credit cards have been cancelled because I couldn't pay them. I have six cards, two department store and four major cards. I no longer have credit cards because I couldn't keep up with the payments," she said.

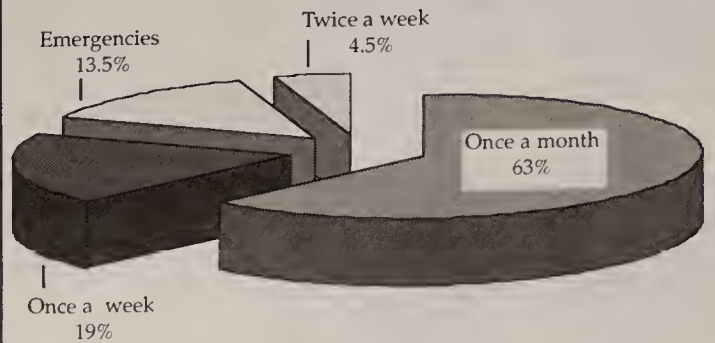
Communication with credit card companies can also be difficult and can result in things like wrong charges to bills.

"I was once billed \$29.95 for a Sports Illustrated credit card that I never ordered," said sophomore Ellen Dane.

Some students have credit cards just for emergencies, or as referred to earlier, for the purpose of building credit history. However, even that can cause problems.

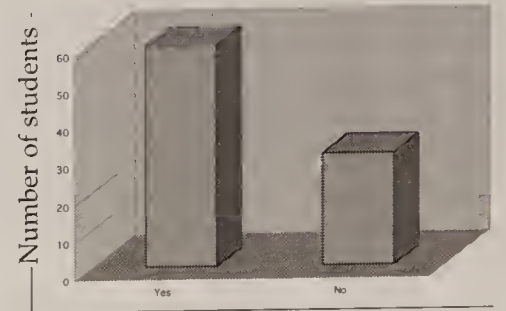
"I had a credit card for a year but hadn't used it. When I tried to use it they had cancelled it without telling me,"

How often do you use your credit card?



Do you have a credit card?

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said senior Katie Pleggenkuhle.

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MOVIE:
UNBREAKABLE

STARRING:
Bruce Willis,
Samuel L. Jackson,
Robin Wright Penn

RATED: PG-13

All in all, the latest Bruce Willis, Sixth Sense-wannabe flick wasn't bad. The movie looked really good from the previews, so Jamie, Erin and I trekked down to the Palace Theater over Thanksgiving break to see this new psychological thriller. Bruce Willis, as always, played the rough-and-tough yet intriguing personality of David Dunn. Samuel L. Jackson plays an equally intriguing and mysterious character named Elijah Price. As the movie starts, we see Dunn on a train travelling home. The train crashes killing everyone on board except Dunn. The movie progresses and digresses on its way. I don't want to give away too much about the movie. Parts of it, especially the

whole concept, is really fascinating in a fantasy sort of way. So if you like that sort of thing, you will enjoy the premise behind this movie.

The execution of this idea is tastefully done, without becoming cheesy.

Price, in an effort to explain how Dunn survived the spectacular train crash, suggests something that is maybe a little hard to believe but very interesting.

Without telling you what happens, I can't really go any further. Have I caught your interest yet?

Was it worth going, sure. Should you pay full admission price on a Friday or Saturday night? No. Wait for a matinee or go Monday through Thursday night for reduced price of \$3.50 with your Wartburg ID.



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Mike Tyer

Movie Review Guy

This is my review — it's worth whatever you paid for it and is not the reflection of the entire staff.

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Andy Christou, student composer

Faruk Turaev / TRUMPET

Wartburg student to perform original music at recital

Faruk Turaev

Staff Writer

his own music. Last summer he went home and received lectures from several famous composers of his country. He sent two of his songs entitled "Freedom" and "Storm" to companies in Europe. He is hoping that they will approve his music and will be able record it for mass production.

According to Christou, composing is not easy work. He said spending long hours of listening, studying and composing music is tiring. Andy gave his junior recital Nov. 17 with junior Mayuka Suzuki, who plays clarinet. It was his third recital since he came to Wartburg. Andy is also going to give a recital during Winter Term. Students will be able to listen to the new music he composed during his summer break.

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Saying Goodbye

Lindy Zars

Staff Writer

Wartburg will say goodbye to seven familiar professors this year.

Dr. William Waltmann, mathematics; Dr. Darold Wolff, biology; Dr. Glen Fenneman, mathematics; Dr. William Shipman, economics; Dr. Roy Allen, German and Spanish; Dr. Leslie Huth, education; and Dr. Rolf Craft, economics, will retire after May Term.

Waltmann began teaching math in 1958 after graduating from Wartburg in 1956. One of his most memorable moments was when Dr. John O. Chellevold invited Waltmann to join him as a math instructor.

"Professor Chellevold had been my only math teacher during my four years at Wartburg," Waltmann said.

"At that time I was one of two who taught in the math department that then offered only the math major," Waltmann said.

The department now houses math as well as math education, computer science, computer information sys-

tems, physics and pre-engineering. He chaired the department for 23 years.

Waltmann said his teaching style has changed over the years, from using the slide rule to computers.

"I don't think most students now even know what the slide rule is," Waltmann added.

After retiring, he plans to fish, play bridge, travel with his wife and spend more time with his three children and six grandchildren.

"I will miss the contacts that I've had with students in and out of the classroom and the regular interactions that I have had with friends," he said.

Fenneman is also a part of the math department. He joined the faculty in 1966 after graduating from Wartburg in 1962.

His way of teaching math has also changed. When he first came here, his classes were lecture-oriented.

"Students don't accept that anymore as being the way to learn," Fenneman said. He now teaches in a hands-on way, throwing out questions for students to attempt first.

"Students now are perhaps more willing to take responsibility for their own learning," Fenneman said. "They have a higher expectation of what is going to happen in the classroom."

A highlight from Fenneman's time here was his trip to the Wartburg Castle last year.

Fenneman said he plans to travel more, repair and refinish furniture, do handyman work and look for volunteer opportunities after retiring.

Wolff joined the biology department in 1966 after finishing his graduate studies in South Dakota.

Some of Wolff's most memorable moments include seeing biology grow into the largest department on campus and advising pre-med students.

"Seeing that group of students succeed over the years has been very rewarding," he said.

Wolff said that he will miss being around students and teaching anatomy and physiology.

Wolff's retirement plans include traveling with his wife, gardening and yard work, wood-working, golfing and keeping up on Wartburg events.

Huth has taught in the education department for 15 years. He graduated from Wartburg in 1958 and worked in public education for 28 years prior to working at Wartburg.

Huth also noted changes in students over the years.

"Students are becoming more aware of what's going on in the world," he said. "They have more interest and more knowledge in the area of diversity."

Huth said he is going to miss "when students start to take in what you're trying to teach and they're trying to learn and put it together in their perspective and make it meaningful."

His most memorable moment was while teaching in Tanzania. He confessed some embarrassing moments while there. "When you live with 10 to 15 college students, they learn everything about you!"

After retirement, Huth plans to do a lot of studying, learning, traveling and continue working with the Waterloo Teacher's Project (a project for preparing minority teachers).

"I plan on staying very active; I consider this another phase of my life. I want to have the chance to do the things I hold as my highest priority," Huth said.

He encourages students and faculty to expand their experiential learning.

"I've gone from a point where I thought experiential learning was interesting to where I think that it's absolutely essential to learn as much as possible," Huth explained.



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Women survive Spartans

Ben Shanno

Staff Writer

The Wartburg women's basketball team enters this week preparing for two conference match-ups after escaping last week with two wins that could have gone either way.

The Knights pulled out a three-point win over Dubuque Tuesday night and rallied to beat the South Australian Sports Institute 81-73 in an exhibition game Thursday. The win over Dubuque moved the Knights' record to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the conference. Thursday's exhibition is not reflected in their record.

"We didn't start out on our toes," senior forward Jenni Donohue said in regard to the somewhat sluggish start against SASI. "We weren't really ready. We will be much more prepared against other conference teams."

The Knights dug a large hole for themselves in the opening minutes and spent the rest of the half trying to get out of it. Slowly but surely, Wartburg gained ground on the Australians and took the lead with a basket just before half, making the score 36-35.

Coach Monica Severson, although not happy with the initial offensive production and defense, was pleased with the way her reserves played.

"A lot of the players that came off the bench got us going," she said.

The spark provided by the bench players in the first half turned into a full-fledged inferno during the second half. The Knights scored 16 of the first 20 points in the second frame and left the Australians in their wake.

Senior Molly Mason paced Wartburg with 19 points and Donohue contributed 14.

Tuesday the Knights were hindered by poor shooting from the field, but 7-for-10 free throw shooting and strong defense down the stretch allowed them to hold off Dubuque.

Wartburg built a seven-point lead at halftime, but saw that lead vanish after Dubuque went on a 17-7 run in the second half to put the Spartans on top by three with a little over 13 minutes left in the game. The game went back and forth the rest of the way and the Knights escaped with the win.

The difference in the game turned out to be free throw shooting. The Knights made 27 of 33 from the charity stripe while the Spartans could only muster an 8-for-11 performance.

Sophomore Holly Mohs led the Knights with 15 points, 11 from the free throw line. Donohue scored 14 and Mason had 12 to round out the offensive production for the Knights.

Wartburg has two key upcoming conference games. The Knights travel to Fayette to face Upper Iowa Friday before taking on the Central Dutch Saturday in Pella.



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CONTESTING THE SHOT—Junior center Jessica Perry gets a hand up against her opponent in the Knights' exhibition matchup with the South Australian Sports Institute Thursday. Wartburg started out slow against SASI but came back to win 81-73. Looking on is Wartburg freshman Julie Medhus.

Men stay undefeated

Joshua Smothers

Staff Writer

Keeping its record perfect thus far, the Wartburg men's basketball team soundly defeated the University of Dubuque 75-58 Tuesday at McCormick Gym in Dubuque.

The Knights, 4-0 overall and 2-0 in conference play, were led by four players who wound up in double digits in scoring. Senior guard Pat Morrison and sophomore forward Mike Pipho each tallied a team-high 16 points. Senior guards Marcus Meeks and Troy Osterhaus both contributed 10 points each.

"We seem to play the best when we have numerous players in double digits," said head coach Dick Peth.

Pipho also grabbed five rebounds while blocking three shots as well. Meeks and senior center Kris Fassler also snagged five rebounds each. Osterhaus led the team with three steals while making all four of his free throw attempts.

"Defense was definitely the key in this game," said

Peth. "We took them out of their rhythm and scored off of their mistakes."

"Dubuque is a good rebounding team, so we really had to hit the boards hard," said Pipho.

Up 38-28 at the half, the Knights continued to pound away in the second half. Up by as many as 22 points at times, the Spartans never got within 12 points for the rest of the game.

"Our defense continued to be great the second half as well," said Peth. "I was very happy with it. It is a stabilizer for us, which carries us game in and game out."

The Spartans were led by Antoine Jackson's 22 points, nailing four of five three-point attempts. Mike Siegfried also added 12 points while grabbing nine rebounds in the effort.

The Knights embark on a road trip before Christmas break, traveling to Upper Iowa Friday and Central Saturday. Both games are at 8 p.m. During the break, the team travels to Florida to play Flagler College Dec. 16 and Division-I Central Florida Dec. 18.

Knight grapplers down Loras Duhawks

Lance Ridpath

Staff Writer

The Wartburg wrestling team headed to Loras Friday night with 49 consecutive conference dual victories under its belt. The Knights left Dubuque with 50 after defeating the Duhawks, 29-13.

The Knights started off the night with three straight wins. Sophomore heavyweight LeRoy Gardner pinned his opponent in the second match of the evening. In the 133-pound weight class, sophomore Nick Killburg won by major decision.

Following back-to-back victories by the Duhawks, the Knights rattled off two wins in a row. One of those was a dramatic victory

by sophomore transfer Kevin Brantland. He scored on a reversal in the closing seconds of the 157-pound match to win by two points.

"I thought we wrestled pretty well," said Brantland.

The victory turned the dual around and helped the Knights accumulate an insurmountable lead.

With Wartburg ahead, senior Matt Buskhol finished the evening with a pin in the 197-pound division. The Knights' win gives the grapplers a 1-0 record in dual match-ups this year.

The Wartburg wrestlers return to action Saturday in the Dick Walter Invite held at the P.E. Center. Action begins at 9 a.m.

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